(b) No equipment is being purchased through Nanometric Systems Indo-US and standard Engineering Indo-US by the Delhi Group.

(c) While there is no component of foreign exchange approved in the budget of the project, the amount due to University of Rochester for the equipment purchased on behalf of the University of Delhi, was reimbursed under OGL. The Micro Vax II Computer System was purchased through Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC) Government of India, against Rupee Payment.

Winding up of Group Insurance scheme in the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha

2117. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha authorities have wound up the Group Insurance scheme introduced in the Council five years back and started a new scheme;

(b) whether the amount deposited under the old scheme in the Bank has been disbursed to the employees with interest;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether any action has been taken in this matter if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has reported that the principal amount recovered from the employees towards savings funds has been remitted to 82 Units out of 85 Units covered by the scheme As soon as the bills are received from the remaining Units the remittance will be made. The interest payable is being worked out and the same wil be disbursed to the employees after observing necessary formalities in this regard.

Salary of Employees of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha

2118. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether the disbursement of salary of the employees of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has been delayed due to non-release of funds in time from the Health Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Research Employees Welfare Association brought this to Government's notice;

(d) if so, the steps taken for permanent settlement of the problem; and

(e) whether action has been taken or contemplated to be taken against the erring officials responsible for delay in disbursement of salaries to staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has reported that there has been some delay in disbursement of salaries to its employees due to non-release of funds in time from the Ministry.

(c) Yes, Sir. The representation received from the Research Employees Welfare Association was sent to the Council for suitable action.

(d) and (e) The Council is being advised to avoid such delays.